



Council for Lifelong Learning
**Bright Futures Scholarship
Testing Program**

**Fact
Sheet**

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<p>1. What is the Bright Futures Scholarship Testing Program?</p>	<p>The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program is a program designed to increase the use of acceleration mechanisms such as CLEP (College Level Examination Program), International Baccalaureate (IB) programs, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, and dual enrollment courses and consequently shorten the time required for students to complete their degrees.</p>
<p>2. Who is required to participate?</p>	<p>Initial award recipients for the 2002-2003 academic year who are eligible for a Florida Academic Scholars award or a Florida Merit Scholars award and enroll in a public community college or state university are required to participate in the program. Initial award recipients for the 2001-2002 academic year who are eligible for a Florida Academic Scholars award or a Florida Merit Scholars award and enroll in a public community college or state university may choose to participate in the program.</p>
<p>3. What are the requirements of the student?</p>	<p>No later than second semester registration, the student must have completed five CLEP exams, one in each of the following areas: English; humanities; mathematics; natural sciences; and social sciences. Successful completion of dual enrollment courses, Advanced Placement examinations, and International Baccalaureate examinations in these areas taken prior to high school graduation satisfy this requirement. The community college or state university in which the student enrolls must award the student academic credit for passing the CLEP, AP, or IB exam or successfully completing the dual enrollment course.</p>
<p>4. What is the cost to the student to take a CLEP exam under this program?</p>	<p>There is no cost to the student to take the CLEP exams required by this program. The community college or state university in which the student enrolls pays for the CLEP exams required by this program from discretionary lottery funds.</p>
<p>5. Who benefits from the program?</p>	<p>Students and their families can benefit from the program because students will be able to graduate earlier. Earlier graduation saves the student and his or her family money, allows the student to begin his or her career or graduate education earlier, and provides additional capacity for other students at public institutions.</p>

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6. What are the potential savings to the student?	A student who earns 15 hours of credit through the Bright Futures Scholarship Testing Program could reduce his or her time to degree by a semester and realize a savings of over \$5,000. The level of savings realized will increase or decrease based on the number of credits earned through the program.
7. What are the applicable statutes and rules?	Section 240.4015, F.S. -- Bright Futures Scholarship Testing Program
8. Where can I get additional information?	Department of Education Bureau of Student Financial Assistance Student Hotline: 1-888-827-2004 (toll-free) (850) 410-5200 www.firn.edu/doe/bsfa The Florida House of Representatives Committee on Colleges & Universities (850) 488-3711